

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Tenth Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Tenth Middlesex Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (1,005) of these admissions reside in the Tenth Middlesex Representative District. 2% (16) of admissions from the Tenth Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Tenth Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 56% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 85% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 7% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 64% were never married, 16% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 20% had less than high school education, 48% completed high school, and 32% had more than high school education.
- 38% were employed.
- 13% were homeless.
- 31% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Tenth Middlesex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	55%	25%	6%	4%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Tenth Middlesex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	1,359	1,172	417	422	245	309	244
FY '96	1,368	1,179	462	408	239	283	219
FY '97	1,428	1,254	440	405	209	287	211
FY '98	1,357	1,143	406	341	173	327	252
FY '99	1,337	1,113	370	300	160	371	280
FY '00	1,381	1148	408	281	153	374	308
FY '01	1,178	967	317	249	133	279	213
FY '02	1,250	970	336	247	114	406	312
FY '03	1,005	761	267	230	106	286	209